

chartered in the previous year, and the Bank of Missouri both began to issue notes. Acts were also passed offering a bounty for killing wolves, panthers and wildcats; establishing several lotteries, and a charter was granted to the Potosi Academy. The first law for the organization of the School Board of St. Louis and out of which has grown the splendid school system of that city was adopted by this legislature. St. Louis was authorized to erect a jail, but although the jail was commenced in 1817, it was not completed for want of funds until the winter of 1819-20.

In the fourth and last territorial General Assembly elected in 1818 and which met in that year Howard county was represented by six members, John Adams, Samuel Brown, David Jones, Daniel Munro, Thomas Rogers and George Tompkins; St. Charles county by six members, Hugh McDermid, — — —, Christopher Clark, William Smith, James Talbot and Ira Cottle; St. Louis county by David Barton, Barnabas Harris, Henry S. Geyer, Robert Wash, John W. Harvey, John C. Sullivan, Marie P. Leduc, Daniel Richardson and David Musick; Washington county by Lionel Browne and Stephen F. Austin; Ste. Genevieve county by Isidore Moore, David F. Marks, William Shannon and Jacob Walters; Cape Girardeau county by Johnson Ranney, Robert English, Joseph Sewell, Erasmus Ellis and James Ravenscroft; New Madrid county by Stephen Ross; Lawrence county by Perry G. Magness, Joseph Harden and John Davidson, and Arkansas county by Edward Hogan. The Legislative Council was composed of Ben Emmons from St. Charles; — — —, Howard county, Thomas F. Riddick, St. Louis; Samuel Perry, Washington; John D. Cook, Ste. Genevieve; George F. Bollinger, Cape Girardeau; Robert D. Dawson, New Madrid, and Henry Cassidy from Arkansas county. David Barton was elected Speaker of the House, Ben Emmons President of the Council, and Andrew Scott again elected Clerk of the House and William Sullivan Door-keeper. This General Assembly passed an Act organizing eight new counties, viz.: Jefferson, Franklin, Wayne, Lincoln, Madison, Montgomery, Pike, and Cooper, but Lawrence county was abolished. The territory was also, by another Act, divided into three judicial circuits, the southern circuit composed of the counties of Ste. Genevieve, Madison, Wayne, New Madrid and Cape Girardeau; the northern circuit of the counties of St. Charles, Franklin, Washington, Jefferson and St. Louis, and the new northwestern circuit of the counties of Cooper, Howard, Montgomery, Lincoln and Pike. A